

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-8 and 14. Claims 9-13 stand rejected. Claims 15 and 16 have been added. The Examiner's reconsideration of the claim rejection is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 9-13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siddiqui et al. (U.S. 6,097,371) (hereinafter "Siddiqui"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner does not address *each and every* limitation of the claims as required. In particular, the Examiner does not address "to display a cursor at a coordinate position on the display designated by a manipulation of *the lever input device*," as claimed in claims 9 and 13. By not properly addressing each and every limitation of the claims, the Examiner has not established *prima facie* obviousness over the cited claims.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that Siddiqui does not teach or suggest "to display a cursor at a coordinate position on the display designated by a manipulation of *the lever input device*," as claimed in claims 9 and 13. Siddiqui teaches the use of a wheel, which one skilled in the art would distinguish from a lever input device, as essentially claimed in claims 9 and 13. The instant application also distinguishes the wheel and the lever input device. (Specification, p. 4, line 14 – p. 7, line 23).

The Examiner took "Official Notice that the features of wherein the pointing device, three buttons and said graphical user interface cooperate to activate a software program associated with a selected displayed icon when the left button is depressed are well known in the conventional computer mouse art." Applicants respectfully traverse the

Official Notice, and respectfully request documentary proof or an Examiner's affidavit supporting such.

The Examiner also took "Official Notice that the features of where there are two buttons depressed, the buttons would activate a software program associated with a selected displayed icon and display software program characteristics are well known in the conventional computer mouse art." Applicants respectfully traverse the Official Notice, and respectfully request documentary proof or an Examiner's affidavit supporting such.

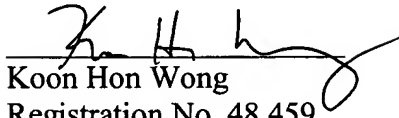
The Examiner further took "Official Notice that notebook computers are well known in the art of computers." Applicants respectfully traverse the Official Notice, and respectfully request documentary proof or an Examiner's affidavit supporting such.

It is respectfully noted that the Examiner does not provide any citation or references with respect to the provided suggestions to combine the various Official Notices with Siddiqui. Such conclusory statements cannot be used as a basis to combine references. "Obviousness can *only* be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so *found either explicitly or implicitly in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art.*" (MPEP 2143.01). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request documentary proof or an Examiner's affidavit supporting the Examiner-provided suggestions to combine the various Official Notices with Siddiqui.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 of claims 9-13.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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